

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. 2:15-cr-00611-SVW

Date June 14, 2017

Title *United States of America vs. Sean David Morton; Melissa Morton*

Present: The Honorable STEPHEN V. WILSON, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Paul M. Cruz

N/A

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter / Recorder

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

N/A

N/A

Proceedings: IN CHAMBERS ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT SEAN DAVID MORTON'S MOTION TO STAY SENTENCING [229].

I. Introduction and Analysis

Defendants Sean David Morton and Melissa Morton were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371; making false claims against the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 287; and passing fictitious financial instruments in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 514. They were both convicted of those charges after a trial before a jury. Dkt. 199. Defendant Sean David Morton is scheduled to be sentenced this Monday, June 19, 2017. *Id.* Presently before the Court is Defendant Sean David Morton's Motion to Stay the Sentencing Hearing by 6 months. Dkt. 229.

The Court now finds that Defendant Sean David Morton's Motion has no basis in fact or law. He is merely repeating arguments related to discovery and jurisdiction that he made pre-trial and during trial and that the Court ruled had no merit. Dkts. 117, 132, 148. The Court has already found that the government provided the Defendant with all appropriate discovery. Dkt. 171, p. 3. Further, the Court has ruled that the Defendant's arguments concerning the Court's jurisdiction and the nature of the charges against him are frivolous and have no basis in law. *Id.* Thus, the Court finds the Defendant's request to stay the sentencing is not justified and is an attempt to delay his sentencing without cause to do so. Defendant Sean David Morton should be prepared to go forward with sentencing as scheduled on June 19, 2017, at 11:00 am.

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II. Order

For the aforementioned reasons, the Court DENIES Defendant Sean David Morton's Motion to Stay Sentencing. Dkt. 229. Sentencing for Defendant Sean David Morton will proceed as scheduled on June 19, 2017, at 11:00 am.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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